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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT – SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

CHAD MCKINNEY, an individual,
Plaintiff,

v.

APOLLO GROUP, INC.,
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, a
Corporation, MECHELLE
BONILLA, an Enrollment Manager
at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX,
KYAN FLYNN, Director of
Enrollment at UNIVERSITY OF
PHOENIX, APRIL ALCORN, an
Employees Relations Consultant at
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX,
CARLYN LINDSTEN, Associate
Director of Enrollment at
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Defendants

CASE NO. 07-CV-2373 WQH CAB

**EXHIBITS TO DECLARATION OF
APRIL ALCORN IN SUPPORT OF
APRIL ALCORN'S MOTION TO
DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S
COMPLAINT OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR
MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT**

**[FRCP 12(b)(2); 12(b)(5); 12(b)(6);
12(e).]**

Date: October 20, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Courtroom: 4

Judge: Hon. William Q. Hayes

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REQUESTED BY THE COURT**

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EXHIBIT 1

AO 440 (Rev. 10/93) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN

District of California

Chad McKinney, Pro Se

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE

V.

APOLLO GROUP INC., UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, A Corporation, MICHELLE F. BONILLA, an
Enrollment Manager at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, KYAN FLYNN, Director of Enrollment at
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, APRIL ALCOORN, an Employee Relations Consultant at UNIVERSITY OF
PHOENIX, CARLYN LINDSTEN, Assistant Director of Enrollment at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

CASE NUMBER:

CV 2373-WQH-CAB

TO: (Name and address of Defendant)

University of Phoenix
Attention of: April Alcorn
4615 E. Elwood St.
Phoenix, AZ 85040

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)

Chad McKinney, Pro Se
6266 Madeline Street Apt. No. 61
San Diego, Ca 92115-5630

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this
summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for
the relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable period
of time after service.

W. SAMUEL HAMRICK, JR.

JAN 15 2008

CLERK

DATE

(By) DEPUTY CLERK

AO 440 (Rev. 10/93) Summons in a Civil Action

RETURN OF SERVICE		
Service of the Summons and complaint was made by me ¹¹¹	DATE	
NAME OF SERVER (PRINT)	TITLE	
<i>Check one box below to indicate appropriate method of service</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> G Served personally upon the third-party defendant. Place where served: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> G Left copies thereof at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein. Name of person with whom the summons and complaint were left: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> G Returned unexecuted: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> G Other (specify): _____		
STATEMENT OF SERVICE FEES		
TRAVEL	SERVICES	TOTAL
DECLARATION OF SERVER		
<p style="text-align: center;">I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in the Return of Service and Statement of Service Fees is true and correct.</p> <p>Executed on _____ Date _____ Signature of Server _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Address of Server</p>		

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(1) As to who may serve a summons see Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

JS 44 (Rev. 11/04)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Chad McKinney, 6266 Madeline Street Apt. 61, San Diego CA
92115-5630 Tel- 619-634-3566

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff SAN DIEGO
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

CHAD MCKINNEY, PRO SE (contact information listed above)

DEFENDANTS

APOLLO GROUP INC., MECHELLE BONILLA,
KYAN FLYNN, APRIL ALCORN, CARLYN LINDSTEN

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant SAN DIEGO
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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V. ORIGIN

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- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
False Claims Act (31 USC §§3729-3733) & CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964 & 1991 TITLE VII AMENDMENTS

Brief description of cause:
RETALIATION-WRONGFUL TERMINATION, FALSE CLAIMS ACT-RETALIATION

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ 250,000.00

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

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2 Chad McKinney
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5 San Diego, CA 92115
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UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, KYAN
FLYNN, Director of Enrollment at
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, APRIL
ALCORN, an Employee Relations
Consultant at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX
CARLYN LINDSTEN, Associate Director of
Enrollment at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Defendants

) CIV. Case No. 07-cv-2373

)
) FOR VIOLATION OF FEDERAL
) FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND FOR
) VIOLATION OF THE
) THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964 AND
) THE AMENDMENTS TO TITLE
) VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF
) 1991

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) RETALIATION- WRONGFUL
) TERMINATION &
) EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
) CIVIL ACTION

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) Demand for Trial By Jury Pursuant
) to U.S. Constitution, 7th Amendment

) Filed:
) December 17th, 2007

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

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7 This instant arises primarily from the defendant's discriminatory behavior against the
8 plaintiff while the plaintiff was employed by the defendant, including but not limited to
9 the wrongful termination of the plaintiff. More specifically, this case arises out of the
10 defendant retaliating against the plaintiff in violation of the Federal False Claims Act
11 § 3729. In 1986, Congress added provisions in 31 U.S.C. Sec. 3730(h): "Any
12 employee who is discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in any other
13 manner discriminated against in the terms and conditions of employment by his or her
14 employer because of lawful acts done by the employee on behalf of his employer or
15 others in furtherance of an action under this section, including investigation for,
16 initiation of, testimony for, or assistance in an action filed or to be filed under this
17 section, shall be entitled to all relief necessary to make the employee whole."

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19 The Defendant's discriminatory behavior against the Plaintiff is also in violation of
20 Title VII of the CIVIL RIGHTS ACT of 1964 and amendments to Title VII of the
21 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT of 1991.

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23 Various common laws were also broken by the defendant in violation of the rights of
24 the plaintiff.

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JURISDICTION

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7 The plaintiff asks the Court to recognize the jurisdiction of this case as the case meets the
8 requirement of jurisdiction under the Federal False Claims Act and Title VII of the Civil
9 Rights act of 1964 as amended in 1991. It should be further noted that the EEOC
10 recognized jurisdiction in evaluating the case and submitted to the plaintiff a 90 day
11 "right to sue" letter.
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VENUE

14 The employer APOLLO GROUP INC, UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, is located
15 in San Diego at the following locations.
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17 Apollo Group, Inc
18 University of Phoenix
19 3890 Murphy Canyon Road
20 San Diego, CA 92123

21 Apollo Group, Inc
22 University of Phoenix
23 1230 Columbia Street
24 San Diego, CA 92101

The venue is proper for this action.

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2 4. TIMELINESS OF PETITION

3 This action is timely filed within the statute of limitations as provided by the EEOC. As
4 required by law, a complaint was filed with the EEOC before filing this action.

5 This action is also timely within the Federal False Claims act.
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7 5. PARTIES

8 Plaintiff Chad McKinney is an American citizen residing at 6266 Madeline St., APT #61,
9 San Diego, CA, 92115.

10 Defendant Apollo Group Inc., University of Phoenix is located at:

11 Apollo Group, Inc
12 University of Phoenix
13 3890 Murphy Canyon Road
14 San Diego 92123

15 Defendant, MECHELLE BONILLA, Enrollment Manager of UNIVERSITY PHOENIX, was
employed at the San Diego office located at:

16 Apollo Group, Inc
17 University of Phoenix
18 1230 Columbia Street
19 San Diego, CA 92101

20 Defendant KYAN FLYNN, Director of Enrollment of UNIVERSITY PHOENIX, and Defendant
21 CARLYN LINDSTEN, Associate Director of Enrollment of UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, both
were employed at the San Diego office located at:

22 Apollo Group, Inc
23 University of Phoenix
24 3890 Murphy Canyon Road
San Diego 92123

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2 Defendant APRIL ALCORN a Human Resources Manager of UNIVERSITY OF
3 PHOENIX, was employed at the corporate headquarters, located at:

4 Apollo Group, Inc
5 University of Phoenix
6 4615 E. Elwood St.
7 Phoenix, AZ 85040

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1) Plaintiff was hired on August 7th 2006 as an Enrollment Counselor for the University of Phoenix. Plaintiff was interviewed by Kyan Flynn, Barbara Keramati, and Andrea Beltran.
- 2) During the interviewing process Plaintiff was told the job was a salary position and there was no mention to the Plaintiff that his salary would decrease if the Plaintiff did not meet quotas for new applicants.
- 3) It was communicated to Plaintiff that his salary could increase if he were to successfully meet the goals of the defendant's employment matrix. The specifics of the matrix were not outlined to the Plaintiff during the interview. Kyan Flynn did communicate to the Plaintiff that "laborious efforts, dedication, and job competency" were required for an increase in salary to take effect.

1 4) After two months of employment the Plaintiff discovered that his salary was
2 based on enrollment quotas via discussions of the "employment matrix" and
3 discussions with other employees.

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5 5) The Plaintiff received harassing emails, vocalization of threats (from his
6 manager), and was entered into contests to encourage sales quotas. Rewards,
7 bonuses [of monetary value], and/or special treatment were given to those
8 who enrolled the most students.

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10 6) The Plaintiff, after discovering that the Higher Education Act prohibits
11 universities from using sales quotas for enrollment counselors, mentioned this
12 concern to his manager, and direct supervisor, Mechelle Bonilla.

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14 7) Even after the Plaintiff mentioned that he believed that the Higher Education
15 Act prohibited sales quotas for Universities, the Plaintiff's manager still asked
16 the Plaintiff to meet a weekly program called "Osira", which was a sales goals
17 of: 3.5 appointments, 1.5 applications, and 2 referrals per week. It was often
18 communicated to the Plaintiff that sales quotas were required. In several one
19 on one meetings the Plaintiff's first manager, Barbara Keramati, reminded the
20 Plaintiff that he was not only an employee but also a student with the
21 University, and that his tuition reimbursement would be revoked if he failed to
22 meet the "goal" of enrolling at least four students per month. Ms. Keramati
23 stated to the Plaintiff on several occasions that she did not wish to enforce that
24 revocation and encouraged the Plaintiff to meet a quota.

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- 2 8) On the 19th of December, 2006 it was communicated via an email written by
- 3 the Plaintiff's manager, Barbara Keramati, and forwarded to the Directors of
- 4 the company; Kyan Flynn and Kim Savich that the Plaintiff's job performance
- 5 was exceptional: "kudos to Chad McKinney...Chad you are my hero!!!!!! 7
- 6 appointments and 6 apins [applications]...can it get any better than that?" Other
- 7 employees were even encouraged to contact the Plaintiff for advice on how to
- 8 improve their performance.
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- 10 9) On a multitude of occasions from the end of February 2007 until the Plaintiff
- 11 was terminated, he received multiple harassing emails from the Associate
- 12 Director of Enrollment; Carlyn Lindsten. These emails threatened reductions
- 13 in pay if enrollment quotas were not met, questioned the level of dedication of
- 14 the Plaintiff and asked the Plaintiff if he was truly serious about his career
- 15 with the company. She also asked why quotas for student enrollment were not
- 16 met, and asked the Plaintiff to "step it up" in condescending threatening
- 17 fashion. These types of emails were sent out almost daily, and sometimes
- 18 multiple times in one day.
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- 20 10) The Plaintiff felt the enrollment practices of this company presented an ethical
- 21 dilemma and decided to apply for a position as an Academic Counselor in the
- 22 Academic department. He was encouraged to do so by his first manager
- 23 Barbara Keramati via email and a one on one conversation. In late February
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1 2007 the Plaintiff submitted his resume to Thomas Graneau Jr., an employee
2 of the Defendant.
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4 1.1) Around the time of late February 2007 but no later than that of early March
5 2007, the Plaintiff was transferred from the Kearny Mesa campus to the
6 downtown campus by Associate Director of Enrollment Carlyn Lindsten.
7 This transfer was soon after the Plaintiff again voiced concerns to Ms.
8 Lindsten of the legality of the quota system and the Defendant's San Diego
9 office.
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11 1.2) The Plaintiff was granted an interview for the Academic position and met with
12 Thomas Graneau Jr. and Colleen Bjornson in early March. He was not
13 selected for the position of Academic Counselor.
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15 1.3) Although Mechelle Bonilla was not the Plaintiff's manager for the month of
16 February of 2007, she told the Plaintiff to sign a "Discussion Memo" that
17 stated his performance fell below expectations of the appointments seen,
18 applications, and students whom started class and that "failure to improve
19 your performance may result in further disciplinary action up to and including
20 termination."
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22 Although the Plaintiff did not agree with the quota system he accepted the
23 reprimand and signed the Discussion Memo.
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1 14) Many of the Plaintiff's applicants were subsequently transferred to other San
2 Diego staff to maintain in disregard to corporate policy. This started on the
3 26th of March, 2007, soon after the plaintiff questioned the legality of the
4 university's enrollment practices in a previous conversation in early March
5 with his second manager, Mechelle Bonilla.

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7 15) The Plaintiff's "lead base" [number of students in his data base available for
8 contact] was reduced drastically by his manager Mechelle Bonilla from March
9 2007 until he was terminated. Several of these students were transferred and
10 assigned to Alison Herring.

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12 16) Plaintiff's work schedule was changed without consultation of Plaintiff by
13 the Associate Director of Enrollment Carlyn Lindsten on the 26th of March,
14 2007 in order to make everyone available for "QC" [Qualifying Center]
15 telephone calls to "help everyone hit their goal!" The amount of QC calls the
16 Plaintiff received dwindled from March onward. Plaintiff did not receive any
17 QC calls in June or July of 2007.

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19 17) Plaintiff was asked and pressured by San Diego management to sign
20 documents that the Plaintiff felt were untrue relating to his performance.

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22 18) Plaintiff's salary was reduced from \$37,000 to \$35,500 in May. Defendant
23 states that the reasons were because he did not "meet goal" in May. Plaintiff
24 contacted the independent office of Ombuds Services anonymously in the

1 beginning of June 2007 to research his options in the hopes of protecting
2 himself from further retaliatory acts taken by the company against him for
3 voicing concerns about the company policy of using quotas.

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5 19) Plaintiff submitted evidence to the Human Resources department, Employee
6 Relations Consultant; April Alcorn, on June 11, 2007 supporting his claim
7 that the San Diego office was using harassment and intimidation to get the
8 plaintiff to quit employment or accept the sales quota system.

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10 20) The Plaintiff was told in a telephone conversation on the 11th of June, 2007 by
11 April Alcorn that the issue the Plaintiff described in San Diego would be
12 resolved in two weeks.

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14 21) On the 12th of June, 2007 April Alcorn sent an email stating to the Plaintiff:
15 "I received your fax and will be looking into your concerns."
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17 22) The university continued to create a hostile work environment for Plaintiff
18 even after he demanded to HR that it cease and desist. He was harassed with
19 emails threatening termination on the 20th of June, 2007 by co-worker Alison
20 Herring and approved of by his manager Mechelle Bonilla stating that if he
21 did not participate and perform adequately in a team "blitz" at 11:30 he could
22 be terminated. Team "blitzs" are designated times [by the manager], three
23 times a day, in which employees were expected to not leave their cubicle, and
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1 make as many telephone dials as possible, and schedule as many students
2 possible for appointments. The subject title read "IF YOU DON[']T BLITZ
3 AT 11:30 MECHELLE SAYS YOU'RE FIRED!" The top performing
4 Enrollment Counselor on Mechelle Bonilla's "team"; Bertha Castillo even
5 responded to this email to justify her absence from this "blitz". Enrollment
6 Counselor Fran Beadles also called in from the Palm Desert campus to
7 Mechelle Bonilla on that day to voice her concerns with the email. At the
8 conclusion of the telephone conversation she was berated in the Downtown
9 office by Mechelle Bonilla and Alison Herring for being a "nuisance" and was
10 also referred to as an "idiot".

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12 23) The Plaintiff received an overnight Federal Express package dated June 14th,
13 2007 from April Alcorn thanking him for bringing his workplace concerns to
14 her attention and that she would be contacting him at a later time to "discuss
15 the findings".

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17 24) At the end of June 2007 the plaintiff was reprimanded by Mechelle Bonilla for
18 his attire on a casual Friday (flip flops, jeans, and a t-shirt). This action was
19 discriminatory and retaliatory since Alison Herring, Tiffany Jones, and
20 Davina Mendoza had all worn the same attire [as well as tank tops] and were
21 previously unpunished [not limited to "casual Friday"].
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1 25) Plaintiff immediately contacted April Alcorn to notify her of his concerns
2 regarding the bias and harassment by Mechelle Bonilla in relation to the
3 casual Friday dress code.

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5 26) On the 2nd of July, 2007 the Plaintiff was asked by Mechelle Bonilla to search
6 the websites for the dress code, because she was "too busy". Plaintiff could
7 not find any information on the company websites regarding the dress code,
8 neither could Mechelle Bonilla.

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10 27) The situation of harassment, which was informed to April Alcorn, (who had
11 promised to get back to the Plaintiff in 2 weeks) was not resolved in the time
12 frame that April Alcorn had communicated via telephone conversation, which
13 was to be the 6th of July, 2007. This date had originally been set much earlier
14 via telephone conversation by April Alcorn.

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17 28) The Plaintiff was extremely stressed out over the situation, and had
18 communicated this to April Alcorn, as well as his manager, Mechelle Bonilla,
19 on several occasions via email, telephone and one on one conversation.

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21 29) The Plaintiff's stress increased daily soon after the original harassment in
22 March 2007. Plaintiff began grinding his teeth, vomiting, and receiving
23 stomach pains in response to the hostile work environment.
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1 30) Plaintiff decided to see Dr. Calixto on July 3rd, 2007 at Beautiful Smile
2 Dentistry to seek advice on how to stop grinding his teeth.
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4 31) Plaintiff was told in early July by April Alcorn via telephone conversation that
5 she had completed her investigation and the issue would be resolved by the
6 12th of July, 2007.
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8 32) Plaintiff received an email from April Alcorn on the 12th of July, 2007 at 9:47
9 a.m. stating that she had "submitted the investigation documentation to my
10 management team for review", which was contrary to her previous promise of
11 resolution on such date. Plaintiff immediately telephoned April Alcorn in
12 response to this contradiction and she assured him that this would finally be
13 resolved within twenty four hours. Plaintiff again voiced his distress to April
14 Alcorn regarding the hostile work environment and harassment that he
15 continued to endure.
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17 33) Plaintiff was contacted, by Angie Jibben, and told that he should take a leave
18 of absence during an afternoon call on July 12th 2007. Defendant stated that
19 he would prefer to wait for the resolution which was promised to him by April
20 Alcorn, thanked her for the offer, and said that he would consider this an
21 option should the need dictate so. The offer was never retracted, and was
22 again encouraged before the completion of the telephone call by Angie Jibben
23 as a solution to the Plaintiff's endured stress and harassment from the
24 company.

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3 34) Plaintiff did not receive any type of notification of resolution from April
4 Alcorn or any other interested parties regarding his claims against the
5 company by one o'clock the afternoon of July 13th. When Plaintiff attempted
6 to contact April Alcorn after 1:00 on the 13th of July, 2007 a gentleman
7 [whose name he did not recall] answered her personal work line. He
8 attempted to pry the Plaintiff for information regarding his claims and agreed
9 to leave a message for her.

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11 35) On July 13th, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., the Plaintiff did not receive any information
12 regarding his claims against the company and the issue still had not been
13 resolved as was communicated to him by April Alcorn.

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16 36) On July 13th, 2007, based upon the mental stress, and the tooth grinding
17 condition which started soon after the stressful work environment at the
18 Defendant's location, the Plaintiff decided to take the leave of absence offered
19 earlier by Angie Jibben. The Plaintiff felt that this would allow for some
20 needed rest and also allow the defendant even more time to resolve the hostile
21 working conditions that were stressing him out.

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23 37) On July 13th, 2007, the Plaintiff notified April Alcorn and Mechelle Bonilla
24 via email that he would take a 10 day non-paid vacation in order to provide

1 them enough time to rectify the situation. He provided his personal email
2 account, should they need to contact him.

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4 38) On July 16th, 2007 the Plaintiff left for vacation in an attempt to alleviate his
5 stress and allow the defendant time to resolve the work environment issue.

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7 39) While the Plaintiff was on Leave of Absence, he received three overnight
8 Federal Express packages were left at his door from April Alcorn. The first
9 package was dated July 17th, 2007, and stated in a letter that he needed to
10 return to work no later than Thursday, July 19th, 2007 at his regularly
11 scheduled work time. "Failure to report to work by the designated date will
12 leave us no other alternative but to accept your voluntary resignation." The
13 Plaintiff never received any information pertaining to this on the contact email
14 he had made available to April Alcorn and Mechelle Bonilla.

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17 40) The second and third packages were dated July 19th, 2007.

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19 41) The second letter stated, "You failed to report to work at the designated date
20 and time. Consistent with our policy, the Company has chosen to separate
21 your employment effective July 19th, 2007."

1 42) The third and final letter stated, "Please be advised that the Apollo Group, Inc.
2 has reviewed your concerns and we find no evidence to support any findings
3 of the San Diego Enrollment Department violating Company policies or
4 procedures as outlined by your allegations."

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6 **LEGAL CLAIMS**

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8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 *RETALIATION*

10 1986, Congress added anti-retaliation protections to the **False Claims Act** § 3729. These
11 provisions, which did not exist previously, are contained in 31 U.S.C. Sec. 3730(h):

12 Any employee who is discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in
13 any other manner discriminated against in the terms and conditions of
14 employment by his or her employer because of lawful acts done by the employee
15 on behalf of his employer or others in furtherance of an action under this section,
16 including investigation for, initiation of, testimony for, or assistance in an action
17 filed or to be filed under this section, shall be entitled to all relief necessary to
18 make the employee whole.

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20 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 *RETALIATION (Under Title VII)*

22 Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the amendment in 1991 of the Civil Rights
23 Act.
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1 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 *WRONGFUL TERMINATION*

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4 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 *FALSE IMPRISONMENT*

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7 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 *INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS*

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10 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 *DEFAMATION*

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13 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 *EQUAL PAY*

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20 **CONCLUSION**

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22 The Plaintiff discovered that the Defendant was required by federal law to not use quotas
23 as part of its student recruitment process. When the Plaintiff asked the Defendant to cease
24 and desist, the Defendant retaliated via harassment and eventually terminated the

1 Plaintiff. Harassing and discriminatory actions by the defendant included, but were not
2 limited to Equal Pay discrimination (arbitrarily cutting the Plaintiff's salary) and creating
3 working conditions to intentionally inflict emotional distress.

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5 **RELIEF REQUESTED**
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- 8 1- Trial by jury on all issues triable by jury
9 2- Actual (compensatory) damages to in the amount to be determined by a jury
10 3- Maximum Statutory damages
11 4- Punitive damages in the amount of \$250,000, or the maximum allowable by law.
12 5- Costs related to bringing this action, including reasonable attorney fees.
13 6- Leave to amend this complaint pursuant to F.R.C.P 15(a), once discovery in this action
14 has been completed
15 7 -Any other relief as this honorable court deems just, proper and equitable
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19 Dated: 12/27/2007
20 12/27/2007

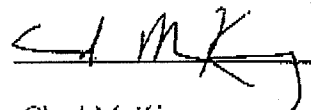

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6266 Madeline St. #61
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Executed on September 9, 2008, at Costa Mesa, California.



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